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NWT Labour Force Activity
- July 2014 –

In July 2014, Statistics Canada estimates that 22,200 persons were employed in the Northwest Territories representing an employment rate of 69.8% (Table 1). Nationally, Canada's employment rate rose from 61.9% last month to 62.4% in July.

The NWT participation and employment rates rose considerably from the previous month. The increase in the employment rate reflects the seasonal peak experienced in previous years, although it was slightly delayed this year. Additionally, the employment rate was the lowest recorded for July since 2010. The unemployment rate dropped to 9.0%, from the 9.6% reported in June.

Table 1 Monthly Highlights
Northwest Territories, July 2014

	Jul-14	Jun-14	Jul-13
Population	31,800	31,800	31,900
Labour Force	24,400	23,900	25,500
Employed	22,200	21,500	23,600
Unemployed	2,200	2,300	1,900
Not in Labour Force	7,400	8,000	6,400
Participation (%)	76.7	75.2	79.9
Employment (%)	69.8	67.6	74.0
Unemployment (%)	9.0	9.6	7.5

Figure 1 Employment Rates
Northwest Territories, 2011 - 2014

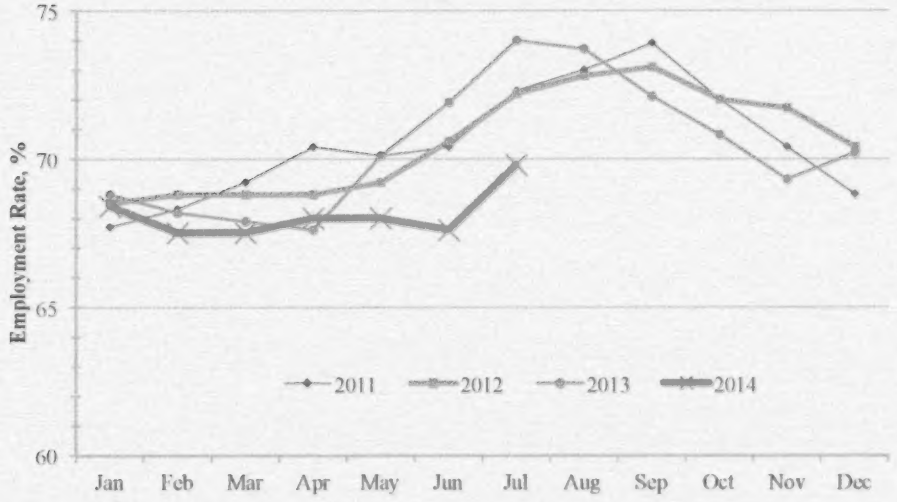

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Table 2 shows the number of employed persons and the employment rate by key characteristics. Compared to the previous two months, the employment rate increased for all categories. The highest gains in employment were recorded for those aged 15-24 years, Aboriginal people, people living outside Yellowknife, and for males, respectively.

Table 2 Employment Rates by Key Characteristics
Northwest Territories

	Jul-14		Jun-14		May-14	
	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)	Employed (Persons)	Employment Rate (%)
Northwest Territories	**22,200**	**69.8**	**21,500**	**67.6**	**21,700**	**68.0**
15-24 Yrs.	3,400	53.1	2,700	42.2	2,800	43.7
25 Yrs. & Over	18,900	74.4	18,800	74.0	18,900	74.1
Males	11,800	72.0	11,200	68.3	11,300	68.5
Females	10,500	68.2	10,300	66.9	10,400	67.5
Aboriginal	7,600	53.1	7,100	49.0	7,500	51.7
Non-Aboriginal	14,700	84.0	14,400	83.2	14,200	81.6
Yellowknife	12,700	80.9	12,500	79.6	12,300	78.8
Other	9,600	59.6	9,000	55.6	9,300	57.1

The number of persons employed in July 2014 increased by 700 from the previous month. However, there were 1,400 fewer jobs in July 2014 compared to July 2013 (Table 3). Over the last 12 months, there was a drop in the numbers employed in all the three sectors; the public sector, private sector, and the self-employed. Compared to July 2013, there was an increase in the number of persons employed full-time, while there was a drop in the number of persons in part-time employment.

Table 3 Monthly and Yearly Change in Employment by Selected Characteristics
Northwest Territories, July 2014

				Jun-14 to Jul-14	Jul-13 to Jul-14
	Jul-14	Jun-14	Jul-13	Change (persons)	
Total Employment	22,200	21,500	23,600	700	(1,400)
Full-time	20,000	19,000	21,300	1,000	(1,300)
Part-time	2,200	2,500	2,300	(300)	(100)
Employees	20,300	19,600	21,600	700	(1,300)
Public	9,200	8,500	10,300	700	(1,100)
Private	11,100	11,000	11,300	100	(200)
Self-employment	1,090	2,000	2,000	(910)	(910)
Goods Producing	3,900	3,500	4,100	400	(200)
Service Producing	18,400	18,000	19,500	400	(1,100)

Table 4 presents historical labour force activity in the Northwest Territories.

Table 4 ***Labour Force Activity***
Northwest Territories

	Population 15 & Over	Labour Force	Employed	Unemployed	Not in the Labour Force	Participation Rate	Unemployment Rate	Employment Rate
Jul-14	31,800	24,400	22,200	2,200	7,400	76.7	9.0	69.8
Jun-14	31,800	23,900	21,500	2,300	8,000	75.2	9.6	67.6
May-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,200	8,100	74.6	9.2	68.0
Apr-14	31,900	23,800	21,700	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.8	68.0
Mar-14	32,000	23,500	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.4	8.1	67.5
Feb-14	32,000	23,400	21,600	1,900	8,500	73.1	8.1	67.5
Jan-14	32,000	23,800	21,900	1,900	8,200	74.4	8.0	68.4
Dec-13	31,900	24,400	22,400	2,000	7,600	76.5	8.2	70.2
Nov-13	31,900	24,200	22,100	2,100	7,700	75.9	8.7	69.3
Oct-13	31,900	24,600	22,600	2,000	7,300	77.1	8.1	70.8
Sep-13	31,900	25,100	23,000	2,100	6,800	78.7	8.4	72.1
Aug-13	31,900	25,500	23,500	2,000	6,400	79.9	7.8	73.7
Previous Years:								
Jul-13	31,900	25,500	23,600	1,900	6,400	79.9	7.5	74.0
Jul-12	32,000	25,400	23,100	2,300	6,600	79.4	9.1	72.2
Jul-11	32,100	25,200	23,200	2,100	6,900	78.5	8.3	72.3
Jul-10	32,300	24,100	22,000	2,100	8,200	74.6	8.7	68.1
Jul-09	32,200	23,000	21,400	1,600	9,200	71.4	7.0	66.5
Jul-08	32,100	24,800	22,900	2,000	7,300	77.3	8.1	71.3
Jul-07	31,800	25,300	23,700	1,600	6,500	79.6	6.3	74.5
Jul-06	31,200	25,200	23,600	1,600	6,100	80.8	6.3	75.6
Jul-05	31,200	24,400	23,100	1,400	6,800	78.2	5.7	74.0
Jul-04	31,000	24,400	22,400	2,000	6,600	78.7	8.2	72.3

Information on the territorial labour market is a result of the extension of Statistics Canada's national labour force survey (LFS) to the Northwest Territories. Data presented for the Northwest Territories is based on three-month moving averages, with survey counts rounded to the nearest 100 persons.

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